

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

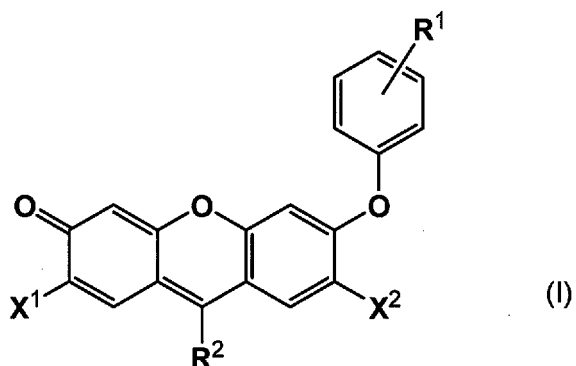
The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein the compound represented by formula (I) is 2-[6-(4'-hydroxy)phenoxy-3H-xanthen-3-on-9-yl]benzoic acid, or 2-[6-(4'-amino)phenoxy-3H-xanthen-3-on-9-yl]benzoic acid.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for specifically measuring peroxynitrite, which comprises:

(A) reacting a compound represented by the following formula (I) or a salt thereof and peroxynitrite, the compound or a salt thereof not having substantial reactivity with superoxide and/or NO so that the compound or a salt thereof can specifically measure the peroxynitrite even in the presence of superoxide and or NO.



wherein R^1 represents a substituted or unsubstituted amino group, or hydroxy group; R^2 represents a 2-carboxyphenyl group which may be substituted; and X^1 and X^2 independently represent hydrogen atom, or a halogen atom; and

(B) measuring fluorescence of a dephenylated compound or a salt thereof produced in (A).